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IN VACATION.

A Good Definition.—J. Van Vechten Olcott, of New York, tells the story of how Rufus Choate got from a witness the finest definition ever heard of absent-mindedness.

"What do you think is absent-mindedness?" asked Choate, who was putting the witness through a hot cross-examination.

"Well," replied the witness in a slow, deliberate tone, "if a man who thought he had left his watch at home, took it out of his pocket to see if he had time to go back and get it, I would call him a leetle absent-minded."—Popular Magazine.

Some Combat.—A southern Missouri man recently was tried on a charge of assault. The State brought into court as the weapons used, a rail, an axe, a pair of tongs, a saw and a rifle. The defendant's counsel exhibited as the other man's weapons a scythe-blade, a pitchfork, pistol and a hoe. The jury's verdict is said to have been: "Resolved, That we, the jury, would have given a dollar apiece to have seen that fight."—Oklahoma Law Journal.

Legal Classification.—"In Cork," says O'Connell, "I remember a supernumerary crier, who had been put in the place of an invalid, trying to disperse the crowd by exclaiming with a stentorian voice: 'All you blackguards that isn't lawyers, lave the presence of the court entirely, or I'll make ye, by the powers.'"—National Corporation Reporter.